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8. TWELVE YEARS OLD COMMON TEAL (*ANAS CRECCA*)

While analysing the ringing data of the Bird Migration programme of the Bombay Natural History Society during the past twenty years, I came across an interesting longevity record of the Common Teal (C-2871).

The bird whose sex was recorded as a female, was netted and ringed by the Society's field staff on 23rd October, 1966 at Bharatpur, Rajasthan (27°15'N, 77°30'E). It was

later shot by Major Sardar Amanullah Khan of Lahore (30°35'N, 74°20'E) on 1st December, 1978 on the bank of river Ravi about sixteen miles from Lahore (Pakistan).

This recovery is the longest survival record (12 Years, 1 Month and 13 Days) of the species in India, though *The Ring* (Vol. VII No. 76/1973-3) published a record of 13 years and 6 months.

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